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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: Public Comment for CC Docket No. 96-128 ("Wright Petition")

Dear Ms. Dortch,

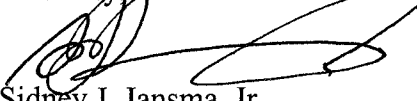
Would you please convey my request to the Federal Communications Commission to approve the petition to limit prison phone rates. You, of course, have received many letters from others giving numerous reasons and mine will be very simple.

My nephew, now 46-years old, is bi-polar and has lived on the street and in various homes over the last many years. He has been in prison twice for material destruction, and I make no excuses for him. However, his link with the outside world was crucial to his regaining the ability to discipline himself. I would ask that you reduce telephone rates, and any other rates affecting prisoners and their families such that they are able to have more communication with the outside world, and have a better chance of transitioning once they are released from prison.

These people can hardly speak for themselves and I would urge you to put the prisoner's family and prisoner as the ultimate priority rather than profits to others.

Thank you for reading and considering this letter.

Sincerely,



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Re: Public Comment for CC Docket No. 96-128 ("Wright Petition")

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to ask you to uphold the petition to limit the cost of prison phone rates. Family ties are very important to the possibility of rehabilitation, and that is our goal. For many families, phone calls are their only way of staying in touch with their imprisoned family member.

Please keep phone rates as low as possible.

Sincerely,



Susan Heintz

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Re: Public Comment for CC Docket No. 96-128
("Wright Petition")

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I would like to add my voice to the many requests I am sure you are receiving, to ask the Commission to approve the petition limiting prison phone rates. I can personally relate to and substantiate the information in the Justice Fellowship's letter to you.

My husband is incarcerated in the state of Georgia, and I live in North Carolina. My telephone bill each month is exorbitant for only a few minutes of talking to him: \$4.84 connection fee and 89 cents per minute. He is 79 years old with limited vision and cannot write because of a stroke affecting his right side. These calls are almost our only communication, since I live several hours away and can't visit often. The government has taken away his Social Security and yet the prison system expects us to pay far too much for several things like these phone calls.

I have read that many states offer a much less expensive telephone system, so I feel it must be possible. I also have read that the state of Georgia makes literally millions of dollars from their plan, and they offer no alternative whatsoever. Research shows that inmates who have supportive families do much better after release, which seems to me to indicate it would be better for "the outside world." It certainly would be better for our world. I feel like I'm being punished for something I had no part of and would like to be helpful with if given a chance.

I totally agree with the Justice Fellowship's words that the present prison telephone policies are unjust and should be eradicated, and that the FCC should uphold the Wright Petition by requiring companies to charge reasonable rates for prison calls, that are comparable to rates outside of prison. This would facilitate more communication between inmates and their families, enabling them to draw from the encouragement and accountability that those relationships provide, enhancing their well-being and protecting the well-being of their communities. I urge your help in making this happen.

Sincerely,

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Re: Public Comment for CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Ms. Dortch,

This letter is in support of Docket No. 96-128. I am asking that the FCC approve the petition limiting prison phone rates.

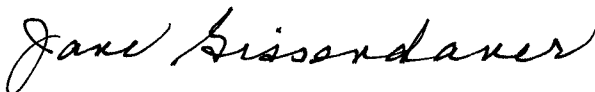
As I understand it, a typical interstate collect call from a prison has a \$3.95 connection fee, and in addition, the per minute rate can be as high as almost 90 cents per minute. I have a son in Germany. It costs 49 cents to connect and 3 cents per minute to talk. The prison system charge is outrageous and is apparently for the benefit of the states rather than for the inmates and their families.

Many families cannot afford these calls and when their loved one is incarcerated far away, there is often very little contact. Research has shown that family support is a major factor in the rehabilitation of inmates and their making a good transition back into the community.

The system as it stands sounds very nearly like "cruel and unusual punishment." I pray that the commission will end the excessive costs of prison phone calls and, in turn, strengthen the bonds of inmates' families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. It is time for something to be done, and we will all be the better for it.

Sincerely,



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Re: Public Comment for CC Docket No. 96-128 ("Wright Petition")

Dear Secretary Dortch:

As a person connected with others who are involved in Prison Ministry work I have an appreciation of the beneficial effects telephone contact has between prisoners and their families. I agree with Justice Fellowship regarding that reasonable telephone rates are a requisite to achieve these beneficial benefits.

I therefore believe that the FCC should uphold the Wright Petition by requiring companies to charge reasonable rates for prison calls.

I appreciate your taking this into consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles. Greeker

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November 9, 2012

Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The injustice of phone rates for prisoners has been going on much too long. Please act in a humane and just way by supporting Docket 96-128.

Thank you.

Sr. Rosemarie Abate

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November 8, 2012

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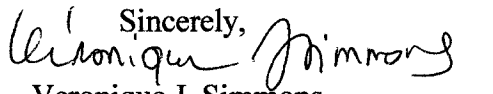
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Re: Public Comment for CC Docket No. 96-128 ("Wright Petition")

Dear Secretary Dortch:

As a firm believer that phone calls help keep families together during the incarceration of a loved one, I am writing to ask you to please, approve the petition to limit prison phone rates.

Sincerely,

Veronique J. Simmons

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October 22, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Re: Public Comment for CC Docket No. 96-128 ("Wright Petition")

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing this letter to ask you to please support the above petition. Our son has been incarcerated for the past six and a half years and maintaining phone accounts for him to stay in contact with his two children and other family members has been a terrible financial strain on my husband and me. We have paid the unfair price of phone calls because we know how important it is for him to be able to talk to his family. We will appreciate anything you can do to stop the phone companies from continuing to take advantage of us.

Sincerely,

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